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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDS FOR WATER SUPPLIES IN
CONTAMINATED AREAS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 22a-471 of the
2 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (b) (1) (A) Any municipality not responsible for the pollution of the
5 groundwaters which is ordered to provide potable drinking water in
6 accordance with subsection (a) of this section may apply to the
7 commissioner for a grant as provided by this subsection. Except as
8 provided in subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of this subsection and
9 in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the commissioner shall make
10 grants for the short-term provision of potable drinking water and the
11 construction or installation of individual wells or individual water
12 treatment systems, including, but not limited to, carbon absorption
13 filters and shall make grants for other capital improvements for the
14 long-term provision of potable drinking water and water required to
15 meet the public health, firefighting and economic development needs

16 of such municipality from any bond authorization established for that
17 purpose.

18 (B) The amount distributed to a municipality shall, as funds allow,
19 equal one hundred per cent of the cost of short-term provision of
20 potable drinking water, one hundred per cent of the cost of the
21 engineering report required by this section, one hundred per cent of
22 the cost of capital improvements for the most cost-effective long-term
23 method of providing potable drinking water as determined by the
24 commissioner and the Commissioner of Public Health upon
25 consideration of such engineering report, [and] one hundred per cent
26 of the cost during the first five years of installation of monitoring and
27 maintaining individual water treatment systems and monitoring
28 drinking water wells located in an area where the commissioner
29 determines that pollution of the groundwater is reasonably likely to
30 occur, and one hundred per cent of the cost of providing such
31 municipality with the water required to meet the public health,
32 firefighting and economic development needs of such municipality
33 during such five-year period. No state funds shall be distributed to a
34 municipality for the cost of operating or maintaining any potable
35 water supply facilities other than as specified in this subsection.

36 (C) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the
37 contrary, the commissioner may advance to a municipality, from the
38 proceeds of any bonds authorized for the provision of potable drinking
39 water, any percentage of the cost of short-term and long-term
40 provision of potable drinking water which [he] the commissioner
41 deems necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	22a-471(b)(1)

Statement of Purpose:

To assist municipalities in addressing general water supply and quality concerns in areas affected by contamination.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]